

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 15 and 21 through 25 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 16 through 20 have been canceled.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of December 3, 2004.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejections

Obviousness Rejection Based on Wood et al. (U.S. Patent 6,453,127) in view of Roosen et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0036793)

Claims 1 through 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood et al. (U.S. Patent 6,453,127) (“Wood”) in view of Roosen et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0036793) (“Roosen”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, as hereinafter set forth.

Applicant asserts that to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103 three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Third, the cited prior art reference must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. Furthermore, the suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on Applicant’s disclosure.

Regarding claim 1, in the Office Action it is alleged that Wood discloses a basic user interface display page for a printer and that there are sets of parameters that can be customized by an operator/user. It is further alleged that Wood discloses initiating a remote request over a network for a web page from a web server, said web page associated with at least one software application, said at least one software application configured to provide customizable control panel functionality for controlling operations of said printing device; transmitting said web page over said network; downloading and displaying said web page using said web browser; downloading said at least one software application using said web browser in response to downloading said web page, and customizing a printer control panel using said at least one software application.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1 and 2. These sheets, which include FIGS. 1 and 2, replace the previous drawing sheets, including FIGS. 1 and 2.

It is noted in the Office Action that Wood does not disclose, "a web server incorporated in a printing device and linked to said network." It is alleged that Roosen discloses that element.

Applicant asserts that a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has not been established regarding the claimed invention because any combination of the cited art does not teach or suggest every element of claim 1, namely "customizing a printer control panel." Wood teaches that "[t]o the operator at the remote terminal, the interface with the copier/printer after establishing the thread and socket or TCP/IP communication channel appears similar to that of an operator control/panel of a conventional copier/printer." Column 6, ll. 31-34; see also Column 4, ll. 8-14. Wood does not teach or suggest "customizing a printer control panel." Roosen does not rectify that failing. Further, any combination of Wood and Roosen does not teach or suggest "customizing a printer control panel." Therefore, independent claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2 through 14 are allowable as depending from a non-obvious independent claim.

Regarding claim 15, in the Office Action it is asserted that Wood discloses a system for customizing a printer control panel. It is asserted that Wood discloses at least one workstation configured for communicating with said network, said at least one workstation having a web browser thereon. It is further asserted that Wood discloses at least one software application transmissible by said web server and accessible by said web browser, said at least one software application configured to provide customizable control panel functionality for said printing device through user input on said at least one workstation. It is noted that Wood does not disclose, "a printing device incorporating a web server, said web server linked to a network." It is alleged that Roosen discloses that element.

The argument made with respect to independent claim 1 herein applies to independent claim 15 as well. Therefore, claim 15 is allowable.

After carefully considering the cited prior art, the rejections, and the Examiner's comments, Applicant submits that claims 1 through 15 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art.

Support for claims 21 through 25 can be found in paragraphs [0039], [0067], [0081], and [0085] of the Specification.

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Applicant requests the allowance of claims 1 through 15 and 21 through 26 and the case passed for issue.

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Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

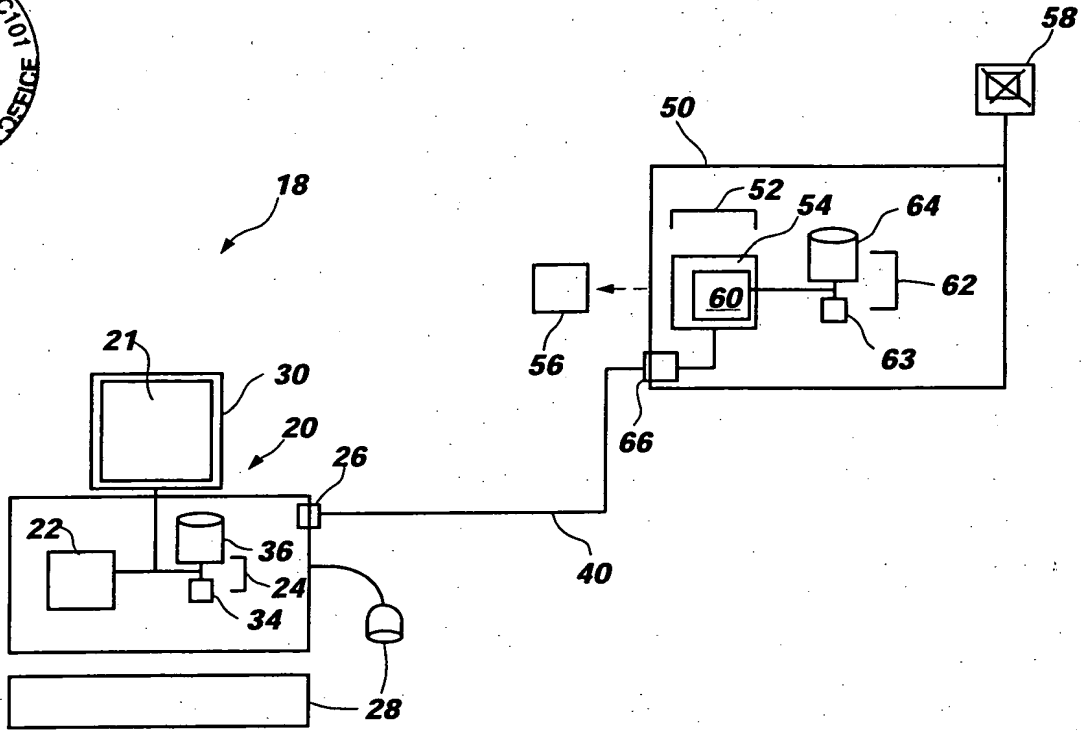


Fig. 1

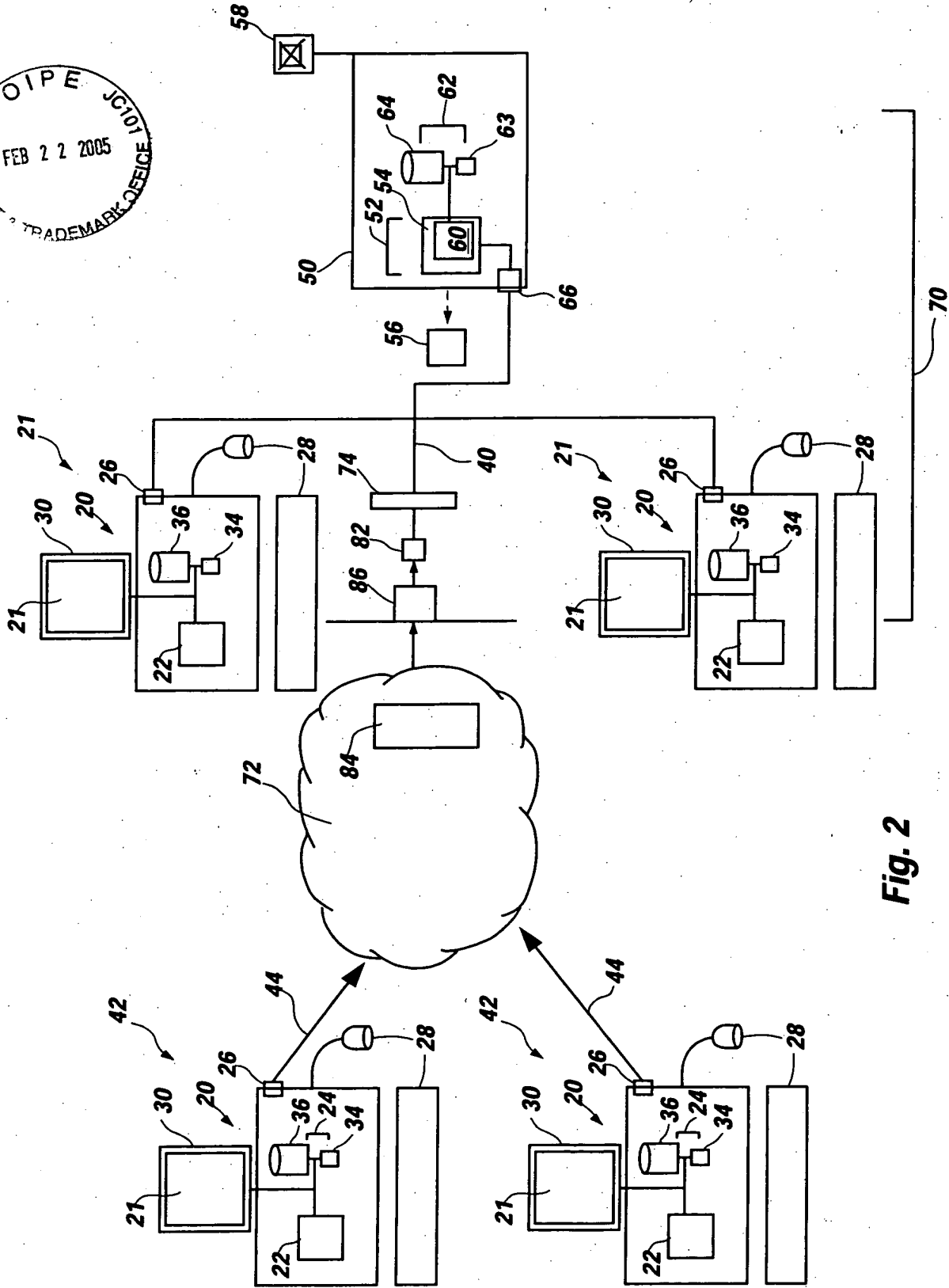


Fig. 2